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## Animal Rights

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It was a terrible incident. Most probably a political shitstorm as soon as the Human Ambassador arrived and started to ask for the humans lost. Right in Norvak territory, sure, it was in the outskirts and the culprits were probably pirates, but it was still inside their jurisdiction.

The Norvak Ambassador reviewed the livestream once again.

Two battle-scarred Norhundhir fighting to the death, these terrible giant creatures made the ground and with it the recording device quake whenever they hit each other. Their giant tusks pierced each other, staining the soil with their blood. One of them falls, its wounds too severe to keep going. The other roars bleeding but victorious and turns to the camera, human voices can be heard, but the roar of the Norhundir covers their voices and the livestream ends.

The Norvak Ambassador couldn't contain the chills.

Even as he read the report of the Justice Enforcement Team for the tenth time, he felt sorry for the humans, what terrible fate those humans had to endure; pirates kidnapping them, the livestream to broadcast their deaths, the pirates abandoning them as soon as the Norhundhir appeared and them being killed by the monster at the end. Of course the pirates never appeared in the broadcast (and neither did the humans), but what other reason could it be for humans to be that close to a monster fight?

The guard announces the arrival of the Human Ambassador.

"Ambassador Mariah from Terra Prime!"

The Human Ambassador was a thin young female, she looked like the kind of person that cared deeply for others. Exactly the kind of person the Norvak Ambassador was afraid of in this circumstance, she might even declare war on the basis that the loss of the humans was unforgivable.

"Good cycle Ambassador Nuhfir. It must be something very important to call me this urgently."

"Good cycle Ambassador Mariah. Yes, it is, please sit down, let me show you."

Ambassador Nuhfir handed her the device with the recording and tried to read what was going through her mind while seeing it.

Shock, disgust and anger.

That's it, war with the humans it was. They had a good run. Humans were going to wipe the floor with the Norvaks, all because of some stupid pirates.

"I'm deeply sorry about this Ambassador. How many laws did they break?"

Sorry for declaring war? That's a first. As for how many laws the pirates broke... who knew?

"Hard to say Ambassador, we can't even see them in the recording."

"I'd guess protected wildlife trade, bloodsport, gambling..."

"Sorry, say what now?"

"Animal rights."

"Animal rights?"

"Like don't torture animals, treat well your pet, don't abandon your animals and such"

"I- I- I don't get it"

Ambassador Mariah seems confused too, but continues.

"Don't worry, we will... we will find them."

There it was, human optimism. Was she thinking that the humans from the recording were still alive?

"Ambassador Mariah? I have to give you this too."

Ambassador Nuhfir hands her the report of the Justice Enforcement Team. She reads it. She reads it again. She seems... ashamed?

"Ambassador Nuhfir, is this what you think happened?" -said Ambassador Mariah with a very soft voice.

"It is what we think happened, sorry, but I don't think you'll find them."

Ambassador Mariah's face becomes as red as it could. Is this when the war is declared?

"Uhm... that is not what happened... they... uhm... they are not the victims here, they are the criminals."

"What? But if the humans are not the victims, who is?"

"The Norhundhir"

"Those monsters? How could they be the victims?"

"Ehm... did you see the scars on those animals?

"Yeah, surely from another battl-"

"No, those are human made scars, probably whip marks, the humans there, made them fight. Which is illegal by human laws."

Ambassador Nuhfir wasn't sure what scared him the most, humans enjoying making monsters fight, the fact that they could actually pull it off or that they were so dangerous that they had laws in place to protect non-sapient creatures from humans.

"Don't worry Ambassador Nuhfir, we'll find them and they'll pay, this is no longer who we are as a race. Please accept our apologies, we are deeply sorry that you've found yourself involved in this."

8 cycles later Ambassador Nuhfir received a communication from Ambassador Mariah telling him that the culprits were found and asking for permission to judge them with human laws. The permission was granted with haste.

56 cycles later, the humans passed on to the Galactic Council numerous law projects for the protection of non-sapient creatures. While some joked about humans passing laws to not kill beings too hard, many others supported the projects.

The Non-sapient Galactic Laws are now one the required laws for joining the Galactic Council. Most species respect them out of incapability to damage wild beings, others because they agree and the most violents... well, it's a choice between being nice with the non-sapients around you or the humans stopping being nice with you.